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SYSTEMS OF ANIMALS

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Examiner : ZEMAN, R.  
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Bray**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the CPA and final rejection of the earlier-filed application (Serial No. 09/193,653) mailed January 16, 2001. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments and to consider the accompanying remarks. It is submitted that this rejection is proper under 37 CFR 1.116 as it does not raise any new issues. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

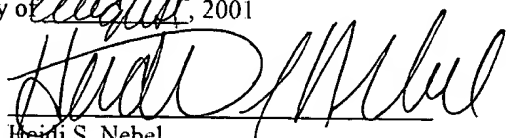
**STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-19 are pending.

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